



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 2652**

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed July 27, 2004, the period for response to which extends through November 29, 2004 (November 27th being a Saturday) by the Petition for Extension of Time and requisite fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose amending the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.